GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS ON DEPUTATION ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 45 Officers of Foreign Service are on deputation, training/posting or on leave and their workload being shared by other Junior Officers in Headquarters in Delhi as reported in the Hindustan Times dated September 28, 2001;

(b) if so, the action the Government propose to initiate to call back these Officers who are on leave or on deputation to World Bank Offices abroad;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the services of these officers are much more needed in India than abroad; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) A total of 13 IFS officers are presently on deputation and training abroad.

(b)& (c). The deputation/training of IFS Officers abroad is for a specific tenure sanctioned by the Ministry as per prescribed procedures and on completion of the tenure, the officer is automatically reverted back to the Ministry of External Affairs.

(d)&(e). The deputation/training of IFS Officers abroad is processed as per prescribed procedures laid down by the Government of India, keeping in mind the exigencies of public service.